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## VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

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> RE: Public Service Commission Review of South Carolina Code of Regulations Chapter 103 Pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Section 1-23-120(J) Docket No. 2020-247-A – Notice and Request for Comments Regarding Proposed

New Pipeline Regulation

Dear Ms. Boyd:

This letter is in response to the Notice and Request for Comments Regarding Proposed New Pipeline Regulation the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") issued on April 23, 2021. The proposed new regulation that is the subject of the Notice initially was discussed at the workshop on April 16, 2021. The South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS") provided written comments regarding the proposed new regulation in a letter filed on April 14, 2021, and orally during the workshop on April 16th.

ORS has no further comments at this time beyond those previously expressed in the April 14th letter and during the April 16th workshop, including that several years ago the General Assembly established a Petroleum Pipeline Study Committee to discuss various matters related to pipelines such as siting and eminent domain. The Petroleum Pipeline Study Committee Report to the General Assembly and other information regarding the Committee can be found at scstatehouse.gov/CommitteeInfo/PetroleumPipelineStudyCommittee/PetroleumPipelineStudyCommittee .php. One of the findings in the Committee Report was that "state legislation would be required to establish a statewide permitting process, which could provide an enhanced opportunity for state

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agencies to review a proposed petroleum pipeline project while ensuring broader public awareness, including opportunities for public comment."

ORS respectfully reserves its right to reply to comments offered by other parties and to submit comments if specific regulations are proposed in draft form under S.C. Code Ann. § 1-23-110 et seq. Thank you for your consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

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